

**Listing of claims**

1-50 (cancelled)

51. (original) A method of constructing an electric storage battery including:

providing a case comprising a peripheral wall of electrically conductive material defining an interior volume and having first and second wall openings communicating with the interior volume;

providing an electrically conductive terminal pin extending through a first end cap and electrically insulated from the case

providing an electrode assembly comprising first and second opposite polarity electrodes wherein the first electrode is electrically connected to the pin;

forming a flexible conductive tab extending beyond a second edge of the electrode assembly and electrically connected to the second electrode ;

mounting the electrode assembly in the interior volume with the pin extending out through the first wall opening and the tab extending out through the second wall opening;

mounting the first end cap to seal the first wall opening;

providing a second end cap of electrically conductive material; and

fastening the second end cap to the tab in a manner to provide a mechanical and electrical connection therebetween.

52. (original) The method of claim 51 including a further step of depositing electrolyte into the case through the second wall opening after said step of fastening the second end cap to the tab.

53. (original) The method of claim 51 wherein said step of fastening the second end cap to the tab includes welding the tab flat against an inner face of the second end cap.

54. (original) The method of claim 53 including the further step of mounting the end cap in the second wall opening to seal the second wall opening.

55-65 (cancelled)